

CraneSafe Australia

WA CRANE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

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1. Introduction

The West Australian mobile and tower crane industry has initiated a voluntary crane assessment program throughout Western Australia.

The program aims to augment existing safety standards and will be administered within the industry through annual assessments of mobile and tower cranes by CraneSafe Australia (a division of the Crane Industry Council of Australia). A Steering Committee consisting of a National CraneSafe Co-ordinator and two experienced crane experts, all of whom shall be appointed by the CICA Board of Directors, will oversee the program.

The program has been developed after wide consultation with interested parties in the mobile and tower crane industry in Western Australia and elsewhere in Australia.

The program will provide crane owners with a common industry wide system for assessment of their cranes. **The CraneSafe Assessment Program is voluntary and while it does not form part of any legislative or regulatory scheme, crane owners and users in Western Australia have a duty of care obligation under the OH&S (Plant) Regulations to ensure that their mobile and tower cranes are in a safe condition.** The program provides crane owners and operators with a process for third party assessment of the safety aspects of their cranes. This assessment can be done in conjunction with, and form part of, the requirement of Australian Standards to have a 12 month periodic inspection. The program provides one method by which crane operators, owners, manufacturers, suppliers, designers or importers may fulfil their relevant duty of care obligations under the OH&S Act.

2. The Process

2.1. Selection of Assessors

CraneSafe shall advertise to seek expressions of interest from suitably qualified Assessors. Assessors shall be selected against the criteria set by the Assessment Panel.

The Assessment Panel shall consist of the CICA Board appointed National CraneSafe Co-ordinator and two selected CICA appointees.

It will be the role of the Panel to endorse suitable Assessors.

2.2. Endorsement of Assessors

Assessors may be endorsed for one or more of the following categories:

- * Rough Terrain Crane
- * Lattice Boom Truck Crane
- * Lattice Boom Crawler Crane
- * Hydraulic Boom Crawler Crane
- * Hydraulic Truck Crane
- * Articulated Mobile Crane
- * All Terrain Crane

- * Hydraulic Boom Crawler Crane
- * Vehicle Loading Crane
- * Self Erecting Tower Cranes
- * Hammerhead Tower Cranes
- * Luffing Jib Tower Cranes

CraneSafe will provide each endorsed Assessor with a certificate indicating the categories for which they are endorsed.

Assessors will not be agents of CraneSafe and will operate independently in their own right.

2.3. Choices of Qualified Assessors

Mobile crane or tower crane owners or users can choose an Assessor from a list of CraneSafe endorsed Assessors. **CraneSafe will not recommend a particular Assessor at any time.** It is the intent of this agreement that no company should engage an assessor, for the purposes of conducting crane assessments, which has a contract of employment with the principal company, a subsidiary company or another associated company which has common director(s).

2.4. Fees for the Assessment

CraneSafe will not set, recommend or interfere with the pricing of the assessment services. Any fee charged for an assessment under this program will be negotiated between the crane owner or user and the endorsed Assessor.

2.5. Assessment of Cranes

2.5.1. At the completion of an assessment and subject to satisfying the assessment check list requirement provided by CraneSafe, the endorsed Assessor will provide the original copy of the checklist to the owner or owner's representative, a duplicate copy to CraneSafe's central registry and a triplicate copy for the Assessor's records.

2.5.2. On receipt of a successful assessment checklist, the owner or user of the mobile or tower crane will forward to CraneSafe the original of the approved checklist and a cheque for the administration fee. The fee for members of the Crane Association of Western Australia and CICA shall be \$150 plus GST and \$200 *plus* GST for non-members for mobile cranes and \$40 *plus* GST for members and \$50 *plus* GST for non-members for tower cranes. Upon clear payment the owner or user will receive a CraneSafe certificate to be affixed to the crane in a visible location.

2.5.3. WorkSafe Western Australia shall have access to the assessment checklists. All parties to this Agreement shall have access to a list of owners and machines that have been assessed.

2.5.4. All accredited Assessors will agree to have a random audit conducted on any of their completed assessment reports by CraneSafe Australia.

2.6. Revocation of Endorsement

CraneSafe or the Assessment Panel has the right to revoke an endorsement at any time if the Assessor conducts false or fraudulent Assessments or brings the CraneSafe Australia Program into disrepute.

2.7. Owners Responsibilities

The owner or user of the mobile crane is responsible for arranging any assessments.

3. Manufacturer's Requirements

The CraneSafe assessment program does not replace manufacturer's requirements as far as assessments, standards, maintenance or any other needs are concerned.

4. Statutory Requirements

The CraneSafe assessment program does not replace or over-ride any legislative requirements imposed on any of the parties mentioned in this agreement. Application of the CraneSafe programme may assist in meeting these requirements but in itself does not ensure full compliance with them.

5. Australian Standards Inspection Requirements

As stated above, the person in control of a crane has an obligation to ensure that their crane is maintained and safe to operate, and that cranes should be inspected and maintained in accordance with the Australian Standards AS2550. The CraneSafe Assessment Programme meets the annual inspection requirement specified by the Australian Standards and can be used to form the determination that a crane has been "maintained and is safe to operate".